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**ORDER** 

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By Order dated November 12, 2019 (Doc. #7), the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge Lisa M. Smith for a report and recommendation.

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the defendant must, by no later than March 2, 2020, file a letter with the Court, with an attached fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, the blank form for which is attached to this order (and also available at

https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before me. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to this Order. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, defendant's counsel shall file a letter by no later than March 2, 2020, advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

Dated: January 29, 2020

White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

Vincent L. Briccetti

United States District Judge

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Plaintiff V. Defendant	) ) ) Civil Action No)	
NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE	E OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRAT	E JUDGE
Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or may then be appealed directly to the United States coumay exercise this authority only if all parties voluntary	rt of appeals like any other judgment of this court	ment. The judgment
You may consent to have your case referred to substantive consequences. The name of any party with be involved with your case.	a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your con nholding consent will not be revealed to any judge	sent without adverse who may otherwise
Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. To conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the	he following parties consent to have a United State entry of final judgment, and all post-trial process.	ates magistrate judge eedings.
Printed names of parties and attorneys	Signatures of parties or attorneys	Dates
R	Reference Order	
IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with	u United States magistrate judge to conduct all proh 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.	oceedings and
Date:	District Judge's signature	
	Printed name and title	

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.